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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant : Socrates Tzartos et al.
Serial No. : 10/512,004
Filed : May 25, 2005
For : PRODUCT OF RECOMBINANT
FRAGMENTS OF MUSCLE
ACETYLCHOLINE RECEPTOR AND
THEIR USE FOR EX VIVO
IMMUNOADSORPTION OF ANTI-ACh
RECEPTOR ANTIBODIES FROM
MYASTHENIC PATIENTS

Examiner : Michael T. Brannock
Art Unit : 1649
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March 3, 2008

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of October 2, 2007. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a four month extension of time along with the requisite fee extending the date for response to March 2, 2008.

The Office Action of October 2, 2007 sets for a requirement of restriction between:

Group I claims (claims 11-36); and

Group II claims (claims 37-41).

An election of species requirement is also made with respect to claims 38-41.

Applicants hereby elect the Group I claims (claims 11-36) drawn to methods of immunoadsorption. Accordingly, the Group II claims (claims 37-41) are withdrawn from further consideration. Since Applicants have elected the Group I claims the restriction of species requirement is deemed moot.

Applicants submit that a complete response to the Restriction Requirement has been filed and request that a first Office Action on the merits be issued.

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It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this matter. However, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen R. Kipnes", written over the typed name and registration information.

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